

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancelled).

2. (cancelled).

3. (currently amended) A nucleotide ~~molecule~~ molecule according to claim 2 19 ~~wherein said nucleotide sequence consists of a~~ comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2.

4. (currently amended) A nucleotide molecule according to claim 2 19 which is derived from Tricholoma matsutake.

C2 5. (currently amended) A vector comprising a nucleotide ~~molecule~~ molecule according to claim 2 19.

6. (original) A vector according to claim 5, which is selected from the group consisting of plasmid vectors, virus vectors, and liposome vectors.

7. (original) A vector according to claim 5, which is selected from the group consisting of pBluescript SK(-), pBluescript SK(+), pRIT2T, pBPV, pSVK3, pET vector, and pQE vector.

8. (original) ^{isolated} A host cell comprising the vector according to claim 5.

9. (currently amended) A host cell according to claim 8, which is selected from the group consisting of E. coli, a yeast cell, Bacillus subtilis, a CHO cell, a

COS cell, a human keratinocyte, a ~~COP-5~~ cell, a C127 cell, a mouse 3T3 cell, a FR3T3 cell, and an HB101 cell.

10. (currently amended) A host cell according to claim 8 which is E. coli selected from the group consisting of a SOLR strain, a JM109 strain, a SURE strain, a TOPP strain, and a BL21 strain.

11. (original) A host cell according to claim 8 which is a yeast YRG-2 strain.

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12. (currently amended) A process for preparing a protein, ~~according to claim 4, comprising culturing a host cell comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein molecule~~ according to claim 4 19 which encodes the protein, and isolating the protein from a culture medium.

13. (cancelled).

14. (cancelled).

15. (cancelled).

16. (cancelled).

17. (cancelled).

18. (cancelled).

19. (re-presented--formerly dependent claim 2) A¹⁵⁰²⁶⁷⁶ nucleotide molecule which encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1.

20. (new) A nucleotide molecule according to claim 19, which encodes a protein consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1.

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21. (new) A nucleotide molecule according to claim 19, wherein the
Cz nucleotide molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2.
